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## MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET

## MAYOR COMMITS ANOTHER \$10 MILLION TO STREET RESURFACING

The money comes on top of nearly \$80 million already dedicated to streets

The last few years have seen an enormous effort to resurface San Diego's streets. Today Mayor Jerry Sanders announced he will spend another \$10 million on the task, reaffirming his commitment to repair roadways suffering from decades of neglect.

"I'm enormously proud of all we've done to smooth out the streets of San Diego," the mayor said. "But as everyone knows, there's plenty of hard work still to be done, which is why it's so important to make this financial commitment."

The \$10 million in bond money will be used for asphalt overlay, the most comprehensive and long-lasting form of street resurfacing. The mayor has already committed roughly \$77 million toward asphalt resurfacing in the past three years. Nearly 200 miles of city streets have been, or soon will be, resurfaced with this money.

"The millions of dollars being invested by Mayor Sanders and the City Council to repair roads in every San Diego community – from residential streets to iconic thoroughfares such as Gaslamp's Fifth Avenue – show that City Hall is delivering results for residents, tourists and future generations," Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer said.

By comparison, the city did zero miles of asphalt resurfacing in 2004, the year before the mayor took office. In 2005, the year he was elected, the city did seven miles of this resurfacing.

In addition to asphalt overlay, the city has performed slurry sealing on an additional 700 miles of streets since 2006. By comparison, the city slurry-sealed only 471 miles of streets from 1999 to 2005.

The latest \$10 million commitment will come from a \$25 million capital-improvement bond approved by the City Council on Monday. The rest of the money will be spent on several other

important projects, including repairing the Mission Beach sea wall; building a new Mission Valley fire station; and upgrading or building new libraries in Skyline Hills, San Ysidro and Mission Hills-Hillcrest.

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